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**From:** Vendlinski, Tim  
**Sent:** Thur 8/28/2014 4:22:45 PM  
**Subject:** [1 of 2] EPA's final letter and detailed comments: Bay Delta Conservation Plan [transmitted today]  
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Hi Diane:

Here's our letter to NMFS that encompasses our "major" comments on the DEIS.

It was transmitted to NMFS last Tuesday and will be posted today on EPA's website.

Momentarily, I'll send you a second message that suggests "corrections" to the DEIS, and together, the two messages convey the totality of our comments.

Please note that NMFS is making the effort to organize a ½ day meeting of federal and State agencies to discuss EPA's comments.

While EPA has been explaining our concerns for years, some people still don't realize that we are focused on strengthening WQS as a primary tool for protecting and recovering populations of resident and migratory fish. And that why we have long pressed for a better alignment between the BDCP and the Bay Delta WQCP. All this to say that our comments are worth discussing, and that you and your colleagues could have the opportunity to make some profoundly important points.

I understand from our Tom Hagler that State Board staff may face restrictions on what meetings you can and cannot participate in (given your regulatory role), but I thought you should know that this meeting is being suggested and it could be coming soon. You can follow all the action and comments in the attached Doodle Poll.

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All the Best,

Tim

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**Cc:** Dunning, Connell

**Subject:** FW: BDCP DEIS: EPA's comments

Attached is a copy of the final letter and Detailed Comments on the BDCP DEIS that we sent to NOAA, FWS, and BOR today. We understand that they intend to issue a press release later this week to announce their recent decision to prepare a Supplemental Draft EIS. **Please treat the attached as a “close hold”** and do not proactively share it with anyone until after that press release is issued.

Many thanks to all of you who have worked so diligently and with such dedication, focus, and

integrity over the past year to help us prepare these very articulate comments. This was a humongous undertaking by a very small core group of people. We recognize that all of you have many other things on your plates (as do we!), and we greatly appreciate your expertise, institutional knowledge, creativity, and patience. As a result of your individual and collective efforts, EPA now has an excellent framework for constructive discussion with the lead agencies about key issues that must be resolved for the BDCP to be successful.

-Kathy

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Will –

Attached are EPA's comments on the Draft EIS for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. The signed original is being sent to you today via regular mail. We look forward to continuing to work with NOAA, FWS, and BOR to resolve the issues identified in our comments.

- Kathy

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